

# FINAL BILL REPORT

## SB 5122

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Synopsis as Enacted

**Brief Description:** Concerning fire commissioner compensation.

**Sponsors:** Senators Takko and Rivers.

**Senate Committee on Local Government**  
**House Committee on Local Government**

**Background:** Fire protection districts (districts) are municipal corporations established to provide fire protection and emergency medical services, primarily in unincorporated areas outside of cities. Districts are governed by a board of three, five, or seven elected fire commissioners (commissioners). Each commissioner may receive up to \$104 per day in compensation, or a portion of that amount, for time spent at official board meetings or performing duties on behalf of the district. The total compensation for each commissioner may not exceed \$9,984 each year. In addition, each commissioner may receive reimbursement for expenses incurred while engaged in district business.

Every five years, beginning on July 1, 2008, the Office of Financial Management must adjust the commissioner compensation threshold amount for inflation. The adjustment is based on changes in the consumer price index for wage earners and clerical workers, as compiled by the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics. As of 2013, the new compensation threshold amount calculated by the Office of Financial Management was \$114 per day, with an annual compensation limit of \$10,944.

**Summary:** The date at which the Office of Financial Management must begin adjusting the commissioner compensation threshold for inflation is changed from July 1, 2008, to January 1, 2019.

**Votes on Final Passage:**

Senate	49	0
House	96	0

**Effective:** July 23, 2017

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